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Chandrababu Naidu asks NDA partners to make PM Modi's Andhra visit a success



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, October, 15: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday appealed to the leaders of ruling NDA partners in the state to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Srisailem and Kurnool a success. He held a tele-conference with ministers, MPs, MLAs and leaders of Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Jana Sena Party and Bharatiya Janata Party

family will benefit to the extent of Rs 15,000. He said a month-long campaign on GST Reforms was launched in the state to bring awareness among people over the benefits of GST Reforms. "We made programmes like Yogandhra and the re-launching of Amaravati works successful. Now I am calling on you to make the Super GST Super Savings programme a success," he said. He said the government has taken all measures to ensure that those who come to the Prime Minister's meeting in Kurnool do not face any difficulties. He said leaders of the three parties should coordinate at the village level to make this meeting a success. Chandrababu Naidu told the leaders that the state is benefiting in a big way from a double-engine government. He also said that the state is benefiting a lot from many policies and welfare programmes with the Centre's cooperation. He referred to the MoU signed with Google for its AI Data centre in Visakhapatnam

Tight vigil for PM Modi's visit

— DGP Harish Kumar Gupta reviews security arrangements



From Our Staff Reporter Kurnool, October, 15: With the visit of Narendra Modi to Kurnool scheduled for October 16, Harish Kumar Gupta, Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh Police, instructed all officials to remain alert and strictly adhere to the security plan. He emphasized seamless coordination among all departments to ensure that traffic flows smoothly and the public faces no inconvenience during the Prime Minister's tour and public meeting. Addressing a high-level review meeting at the Kurnool district police headquarters, the DGP, along with Additional DGP N. Madhusudhan Reddy, IG Srikant, DIGs Koya Praveen, Gopinath Jetty,

Senthil Kumar, Satya Yesubabu, Fakkeerappa Kagginelli, and District SP Vikrant Patil, reviewed minute-to-minute details of the visit. SP Vikrant Patil presented the route map, convoy plan, venue arrangements, and Google Geo mapping. The DGP issued specific instructions to IPS officers on field duty to maintain high vigilance, ensure effective monitoring of lower-rank personnel, and prevent any untoward incidents. DGP Gupta stressed that all departments must work in close coordination to make the Prime Minister's visit smooth and incident-free. He directed officials to ensure proper traffic diversions, secure roadshows with barricades and rope parties, and main-

tain crowd control in galleries through sector in-charges. He instructed personnel to stay connected with the control room using earphones for real-time updates and to ensure clear roads for VVIP movement. He also emphasized the importance of emergency parking arrangements, deployment of plainclothes officers at the public meeting venue, and ensuring public convenience at all times. Additional DGP Madhusudhan Reddy highlighted the need for adequate parking near Nannur toll gate and cautioned officials to prevent overcrowding at public galleries. He advised that buses and auto-rickshaws should not be allowed to halt on main roads, and all movement must be regulated efficiently.

PM to Visit Kurnool District today, here is the schedule



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, October, 15: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Kurnool district on Thursday, with the schedule for his visit already confirmed. According to official sources, the Prime Minister will arrive at Kurnool Airport from Delhi at 10 am on the day of the visit aboard a special flight. Upon arrival, he will travel by special helicopter to Sunni Penta before heading to Bhramaramba Guest House by road. Following a brief refresh, Prime Minister Modi will have a darshan at Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamyvar at 11.15 am. Subsequent to this religious observance, he will visit the Shivaji Maharaj Stthori Kendra at 12.10 pm. After concluding this segment of his itinerary, the Prime Minister will return to Sunni Penta and then proceed to Nannur Raga Mayuri Green Hills Ellipta via helicopter. At 2.30 pm, he will participate in the Super GST-Super Savings programme. The Prime Minister is also scheduled to address a large public meeting at 3 pm. Following the event, he will depart for Kurnool Airport at 4.50 pm to return to Delhi.

"Centre betrayed Andhra Pradesh on bifurcation promises... Special Status must be granted immediately" - Lakshmi Narasimha Yadav

From Our Staff Reporter Kurnool, October, 15: The Congress leadership in Kurnool came down heavily on the Central Government, accusing it of completely ignoring the assurances made at the time of bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. Lakshmi Narasimha Yadav, AICC member and President of Nandyal Parliamentary District Congress Committee, demanded that the Centre immediately grant Special Category Status to

Andhra Pradesh and implement the special development package promised to the Rayalaseema and Uttarandhra regions. He criticized Narendra Modi for "failing to deliver on the assurances despite being in power for 11 years," stating that the Prime Minister had deceived the people with false promises. Addressing the media on Wednesday ahead of the Prime Minister's visit to Kurnool on October 16,

Yadav alleged that while the BJP had made a "Rayalaseema Declaration," it had miserably failed to implement it. He demanded a white paper on the number of jobs provided to local unemployed youth in the industries established in the erstwhile Kurnool district. He further accused the Centre of looting the public in the name of GST for eight years and then celebrating a so-called reduction in GST after

spending Rs.200 crore on publicity, calling it "a matter of national shame." Yadav also raised concerns over the lack of infrastructure in BC, SC, ST and Minority welfare hostels across the state, stressing that construction of permanent buildings would benefit thousands of poor students. He slammed the BJP government for failing to provide employment opportunities despite promising two crore jobs annually,



stating that "not even one lakh jobs" were created in the last 11 years. He

strongly opposed the privatization of medical colleges and demanded that

one medical college be established for every 10 lakh people in the state.

Pak, Afghanistan Agree To 48-Hour Ceasefire After Dozens Killed In Clashes



Islamabad: Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed to a 48-hour ceasefire Wednesday evening after dozens of people were killed, and many more wounded, in violence along their shared border earlier in the day. The ceasefire came into effect 6 pm PKT or 6.30 pm IST. 'Both sides will make sincere efforts, through dialogue, to find a positive solution to the complex yet resolvable issue', Islamabad said in a statement cited. Pakistan claimed Afghanistan asked for the ceasefire.

After jab, Rape survivor's father calls Mamata Banerjee "Mother-Like Figure"



Kolkata: Two days after claiming that West Bengal is under "Aurangzeb's rule", the father of the Durgapur gang rape victim on Wednesday described Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as a "mother-like figure" and urged her to forgive him if he had said anything wrong against her. He also appealed to Banerjee to help his daughter, who is from Odisha, get justice. "Mamata Banerjee is like a mother-like figure to me. If I have said anything wrong, I ask her to forgive me. I will render countless obeisance at her feet. But I ask her to help my daughter get justice," he told television channels on Wednesday. The father of the MBBS student on Monday criticised Banerjee's remarks that "women should not venture out at night", saying that he no longer felt safe in West Bengal. "It seems Bengal is under the rule of Aurangzeb. I want to take my daughter back to Odisha. Her life comes first, career later," he had said. On Wednesday, the father said he would take his daughter back home once she is declared fit by the treating doctors. "I have been demanding a CBI probe into this case. I think that would be good.

Tejashwi Yadav declares assets worth Rs 8.1 Crore ahead of Bihar polls

Patna: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, who filed his nomination from Raghupur assembly seat in Bihar on Wednesday, owns movable and immovable assets worth around Rs 8.1 crore, according to the affidavit filed by him. Yadav's wife, Rajshree alias Rachel Iris Godinho owns assets worth Rs 1.88 crore. Raghupur will go for polls in the first of the two phases

of election on November 6. Yadav, the sitting MLA of Raghupur constituency, first won from the seat in 2015. In the affidavit filed before the returning officer along with his nomination, Yadav disclosed that he holds moveable assets worth Rs 6.12 crore and immovable assets worth Rs 1.88 crore. His wife, Rajshree holds immovable assets worth Rs 59.69 lakh.



Adani group constructing ropeway to make Kedarnath Dham Darshan easier

New Delhi: The Adani Group is constructing a ropeway to facilitate devotees visiting the Kedarnath Dham with easier access to darshan, said Chairman Gautam Adani on Wednesday. The ropeway, being built at a total investment of Rs 4,081 crore, connects Sonprayag with Kedarnath. Once operational, the 12.9 km ropeway project will reduce travel time from an arduous 9-hour trek to just 36 minutes, making the pilgrimage far easier and safer. "The difficult climb to Kedarnath Dham will now become easier. The Adani Group is constructing this ropeway to make the pilgrimage for devotees simpler and safer," Gautam Adani shared in a post on the social media platform X. "It is a matter of pride for us to be a part of this pious endeavour.



EDITORIAL

Is the Guinness record that great?

Governments should make all arrangements for people to celebrate festivals. Records are needed for the government's ability to provide facilities. Bathukamma festival is celebrated grandly by women in Telangana. Bathukamma sarees were not distributed to poor women in 2024. Even the promise of giving for this festival has been broken. For the sake of their name, the Telangana government celebrated Bathukamma festival in a grand manner. With the aim of setting a Guinness Book record, the government organized a huge Bathukamma at the Saroor Nagar Stadium in Hyderabad on September 29. Guinness Book representatives who examined them handed over two world records to the organizers.

The Telangana Mahabathukamma, which was set at a height of 63 feet, has set a record, and another record has been set for 1354 women dancing and singing around Bathukamma. Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao, Seethakka and Mayor Vijayalakshmi received these record certificates. On the same day, Minister Jupally, along with officials, went to the Chief Minister's residence and met Revanth Reddy and handed over the two records to the Chief Minister. The minister and senior officials thanked the CM for all his cooperation in achieving them. The association of Bathukamma with the Guinness Book started with the previous government. The Guinness Book record was then obtained based on the number of women participating in the Bathukamma celebrations at the LB Stadium in 2016. This arrangement was made with the aim of breaking the record achieved by the Onam festival in Kerala then and now. On the occasion of Onam in 2023, 7027 women participated in the traditional Thiruvathira dance in Thrissur, Kerala and achieved the record. It was organized by a women's charity, not the Kerala government. The Telangana government has now broken that record by bringing 9,000 women to the stadium. The London-based Guinness organization will bring the 'Guinness Book of World Records - 2026' book, adding the new world records it has set throughout the year. Copies of this book are sold for up to 35 lakhs per year. It is available in 40 languages ???of the world. The price of each English book is up to Rs. 3 thousand. They started collecting the questions that some friends asked while drinking in a club and could not find answers. Since they were strange, they brought them in a book. Thus began the journey of these records and it is running as a good profitable business. This organization does not pay any remuneration to those who achieve the record. Only those who want to register the record have to bear the operating costs. For a record that they achieve personally, the individuals send the record certificate based on video evidence and the confirmations of those who saw it. Generally, governments do not take kindly to these records. Usually, people try to achieve something new and get into the Guinness Book. There are no special rules for these records. Even if you grow a mustache or nails too long, it is a Guinness World Record. If someone grows a centimeter more, the old record is removed from the book.

The one who holds the most pencils in his mouth, the one who types with his nose, and the one who walks the longest distance on one leg are record breakers. Ram Kumar, who lives in Dubai, has broken 50 Guinness records with his one hand so far. A century is his target. If we keep talking about such trivial sweet nothings, it seems like a Guinness record is a goal. Even a common man wonders if governments need it. In fact, any great thing someone has done should go into records, but doing something just for the sake of records is meaningless. It is a world record for an actor to act in more films than anyone else in the world. But he did not act in all the films for the sake of the record. He worked hard and managed to get all the opportunities. He unexpectedly broke the record. It should be difficult or impossible for someone else to break it. The record should stand for at least a few years. That is what a record is. Compared to these, it is easy to break the Bathukamma records achieved by our government. Next year, even if a person thinks about it, these records can be broken. Stacking a 65-foot Bathukamma is expensive and laborious, but it is not a very difficult task. Similarly, breaking the Ammalakkala count is also possible. Looking at this, one cannot help but suspect that the government is deluded or misleading the people. Public money should be spent for the public good, not for useless records.

US-China Trade War Has Turned Into A Full-Blown Siege, And India Is Stuck

Ahead of a planned Trump-Xi meeting in South Korea in late October, Beijing announced sweeping export controls on rare-earth elements, magnets, and high-energy battery materials. It also imposed tighter licensing on dozens of processing, refining, and mining technologies and materials. It was not policy but power politics in chemical form. President Trump retaliated with threats of 100% tariffs and new curbs on software exports, casting doubt on whether the summit would proceed. Beijing insisted the impact would be "extremely limited", claiming its measures served "national security", meaning supplies for defence industries would be rejected. Analysts in China admitted, however, that they were also a response to Washington's expanded export controls on Chinese chipmakers and higher port fees on China-built vessels. This is no longer a trade war. It is a supply-chain siege, waged one element at a time. The United States weaponises semiconductors, Beijing weaponises minerals. And in the crossfire, the rest of the world is caught.

Where India Hurts Most
India's exposure is uncomfortably high. Nearly 90% of our rare-earth and magnet imports come from China, about 53,700 tonnes in 2024-2025 alone. This is a core vulnerability. From electric vehicles (EVs) and auto electronics to wind power turbines and aerospace, every magnet we import is a reminder that supply chains have become the new borders of power. Domestic production remains nascent. When Beijing slows approvals, production lines from Pune to Coimbatore

will feel the tremors. Just as the 1970s oil embargo revealed global energy vulnerabilities, the mineral chokehold of the mid-2020s is exposing material dependencies.

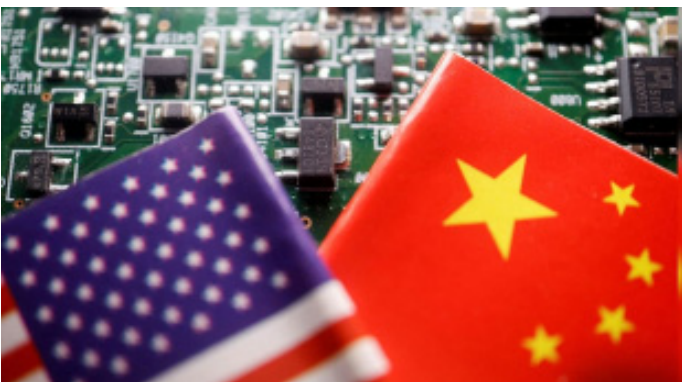
What Changed Last Week
China expanded its control list and extended its licensing regime beyond its borders. Even goods made abroad with Chinese inputs can now be held up, mirroring the U.S. practice of regulating foreign items built with American technology. Beijing calls these licences, not bans, but each one is a permission slip for the modern economy. Approvals for civilian use are promised, yet queues are long and denials selective. In effect, the licence has become the new weapon, and compliance the new coercion. The ripple effects came almost immediately. In Europe, the Dutch government moved on Sunday to seize control of the Chinese-owned chipmaker Nexperia, citing threats to technological sovereignty and the safeguarding of crucial knowledge. The timing, just days after Beijing's export curbs, shows how minerals and microchips now share the same fault line in the global contest for economic security.

India's Early Responses
New Delhi has begun to move. The government is advancing a National Critical Minerals Stockpile to secure a year's worth of strategic reserves, including neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium, and terbium, metals essential for EV motors and wind turbines. A production-linked incentive scheme to boost domestic manufacturing is being drafted to seed India's first commercial magnet plants. Pi-

lot lines may appear by early 2026, though real volumes will take longer. The Indian Rare Earths Limited has been asked to curb exports and prioritise domestic users. To reduce exposure, some auto suppliers are testing magnet-free motors such as switched-reluctance and induction designs, which are alternative motor designs that use no rare-earth materials. These are sensible beginnings, but the clock is ticking. India's challenge is not discovering minerals, it is developing the discipline to turn dust into design.

The Dependency Trap
India holds the world's fifth-largest rare earth reserves, about 6.9 million tonnes. But we are almost entirely import-dependent for refined magnets and alloys. Even where countries hold ore, refining often happens in China. The bottleneck is not geology but technology. Even if India mines ore tomorrow, it could not plug into the chain without mastering downstream complexity. Beijing has over decades gained high-purity separation and magnet-making expertise. Foreign subsidiaries in China must now seek export permission, and Chinese engineers aiding overseas partners can be penalised. China no longer sells minerals. It sells access, and access comes with allegiance.

A Playbook for India
India cannot contest these measures legally, as they fall under national-security exemptions. It can, however, outgrow them strategically. Minerals may be finite. Ingenuity is not. India's path forward has three clear stages: stability, strength, and solidarity. First, stability. Build 12 to 18 months of buffer



stock for critical elements. Use bonded warehouses and staggered purchase orders across multiple Chinese suppliers while parallel-sourcing from Japan, Korea, and the European Union. Second, strength. Mining is geology. Refining is technology. India must invest in separation plants, sintered and bonded magnet lines, and recycling systems. Public-private partnerships anchored by EV and defence demand can create 8,000 tonnes of capacity by 2028, including mandating end-of-life recycling to meet 15% of needs. Third, solidarity. Activate the 14-nation Minerals Security Partnership that includes India, Japan, the US, and the EU, to pool investment, share standards, and create emergency swap lines, the mineral equivalent of strategic oil reserves.

From Scarcity to Sovereignty
If the oil crisis of 1991 forced India to reform its economy, the mineral shock of 2025 must drive us to rebuild our industrial foundations. A national mission on rare-earth processing, backed by the same ambition that built our nuclear and space programmes, can turn vulnerability into strength. Just as

India defied odds to launch its space efforts, it must now mine the future beneath its feet, turning ore into opportunity. The goal is not autarky but autonomy to ensure Indian factories run on Indian confidence, not Chinese approvals.

A Future Written in Elements
Beijing's export controls, timed before diplomacy, reveal insecurity more than strength. By weaponising minerals, China has reminded the world why diversification is destiny. What Beijing sees as leverage, others see as a warning that control over elements cannot translate into control over economies. For India, the message is unmistakable. Build capacity before crisis. The same elements that today expose our dependence can tomorrow anchor our independence. Nations that master materials master modernity. The rest wait for licences. China has weaponised the elements, yet India can shape them into the substance of its sovereignty. Where others see leverage, India must see possibility. From elemental dust, a sovereign future, too, can be cast.

The Story Of RSS And Left: Why One Flourished, And Other Perished

Few years in India's political history have carried the weight of 1996. It was the year when two movements born in 1925 - the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Communist Party of India (CPI) - finally broke onto divergent highways. From that moment, the Sangh Parivar's political wing, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), began a relentless march towards dominance, while the Communist movement entered a long and largely unbroken retreat. What emerged over the next three decades has been not merely an electoral contrast but an existential distinction - one movement embedding itself into India's cultural nerve, the other receding into ideological isolation. The 1996 general elections marked the BJP's coming of age. Riding on post-Babri polarisation and Congress fatigue, it leapt from two seats in 1984 to 161 - the largest bloc in Parliament. Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 13-day government, though brief, legitimised the Hindu Right's national ambitions. It also marked a strategic shift - from agitation to governance - as the RSS's decades of cadre-building and cultural groundwork anchored the BJP's transformation into a disciplined, broad-based political force.

The Left's 'Historic Blunder'
If 1996 was a moment of ascent for the BJP, it was one of abdication for the Communists. Jyoti Basu, the long-serving Chief Minister of West Bengal, had come within a whisker of becoming India's first Communist Prime Minister - only to be denied the post by his own party. The CPI(M) politburo rejected the proposal, reasoning that Basu's continuance as West Bengal's Chief Minister outweighed the prospect of him heading a broad coalition of

centrist and Left-leaning parties at the Centre. A disappointed Basu publicly termed the decision a "historic blunder" - a rare instance of him defying the party's strict discipline. Any other leader might have faced reprimand, but Basu's stature placed him beyond reproach. By the time Basu withdrew from public life, he had acquired many descriptions - "a sahib in a dhoti", "a pragmatic patriarch", "a Marxist by conviction, a liberal democrat in practice". Yet the epithet that perhaps captures him most accurately is his own: a realist constrained by a dogmatic system. In a 2004 interview, reflecting on the "historic blunder", Basu said, "Such an opportunity does not come often. Even if we had lasted one year, people would have understood who we are and what we stand for. In many places, they don't even know what we are all about."

Beginning Of The End?
Basu's words sound prophetic now - not only about his party's missed opportunity, but about the entire trajectory of the Indian Left. Of course, the Left's story did not end with Basu's inability to become Prime Minister. The Left, though weakened, would sporadically assume relevance in shaping national politics through the late 1990s and early 2000s. Its influence was particularly visible during the UPA years, when the CPI(M)'s firm opposition to the 2008 Indo-US Nuclear Deal under Manmohan Singh's government almost derailed the agreement. The episode underscored that even without power, the Left retained leverage - acting as a moral compass and policy counterweight within India's parliamentary democracy.

Two Worldviews
However, in a larger context,



the contrast between Vajpayee's 13 days in power and Basu's missed moment encapsulates two worldviews. For the BJP, power was a means to advance a larger civilisational project - the cultural unification of India under Hindutva. For the Communists, power was a potential compromise, a deviation from purity. One embraced pragmatism as strategy, the other feared it as betrayal. As political theorist Aditya Nigam observes, "The Communists lived almost hand-to-mouth, protesting on the streets every day, expecting the imminent revolution to arrive and tiring themselves out; the RSS, on the other hand, like the tortoise in the fable, went slow and steady." The Communists, Nigam feels, "had no imagination of what to do in 'non-revolutionary times' - which is most of the time."

Patience vs Paralysis
Within two years of 1996, the BJP returned stronger. Vajpayee's National Democratic Alliance (NDA) formed the government in 1998 and again in 1999, ushering in a stable

Right-wing era. Governance - from nuclear tests to telecom reforms - demonstrated that the BJP could manage a modern economy while retaining its cultural moorings. The RSS's patient groundwork paid off: it had built an army of ideological workers who viewed politics as service to the nation rather than mere competition for office. The Communists, meanwhile, turned inward. Despite ruling Kerala and West Bengal, they became prisoners of their own success. Marxism, already intellectually elite, grew bureaucratic in power. Basu's West Bengal stagnated under rigid policies and a decaying party structure. What had once been a revolutionary vanguard was now a state bureaucracy, alienated from the workers and peasants it claimed to represent. As Nigam reflects, "While the RSS managed to gradually swallow up every opposition... the Communists excelled in expelling from their ranks every bit of dissent and criticism, ostracising them [critics] and were happy with their 24-carat purity of a constantly diminish-

ing sect." The crucial difference lay in cultural strategy. The RSS pursued long-term social transformation - shaping values, community life, and education - while the Communists treated culture as secondary. Left ideals thrived in literature and theatre but the party often reduced art to propaganda. The Sangh, through shakhas and festivals, embedded ideology in daily life. The RSS grasped what the Communists ignored - "that the time of culture and the time of politics are not the same," as Nigam observes. The decades following 1996 tell the story of consolidation on one side and decreasing significance on the other. The BJP's current membership is in hundreds of millions, making it the largest political party in the world. The CPI(M) barely crosses a million. Financially, the BJP's 2023-24 income was over 74,300 crore; the Left, reliant on local collections, barely registers in national finance reports. In West Bengal, once the Left's fortress, the CPI(M) went from ruling uninterrupted for 34 years to winning zero seats in 2021.

Jagan misleading people with false propaganda over spurious liquor incidents: Kidari Sravan Kumar



Paderu, Pen Power, October 15: State Tribal

Cooperative Corporation Chairman, former minister, and Araku Parliament President Kidari Sravan Kumar strongly criticized Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for spreading false propaganda over spurious liquor incidents, calling it part of his selfish and malicious politics. He questioned why Jagan had remained silent during his five-year rule on farmer suicides, agricultural laborers' hardships, and unemployment-related deaths.

Referring to the 2022 Jangareddygudem spurious liquor tragedy, he accused Jagan of misleading the public by portraying the deaths as natural in the Assembly. Kidari Sravan said Jagan politicizes every issue for personal gain, while the current coalition government prioritizes public welfare and responds swiftly to any incident harming people. He cited the recent Mulakalacheruvu spurious liquor case in

Annamayya district, noting that the government acted immediately, identified 14 individuals involved, and arrested 10 of them. The government also ordered an internal inquiry against accused leaders and suspended them once their names surfaced. He condemned Jagan's "opportunistic and divisive politics," adding that history will never forgive the administration that sacrificed innocent lives.

Comprehensive Measures for Eradication of Drug Abuse in the District Collector and Police Commissioner Conduct Review Meeting



Visakha South, Pen Power, October 15: Visakhapatnam District Collector M.N. Harender Prasad and District Police Commissioner Dr. Shankha Brata Bagchi jointly conducted a district-level coordination and NCORD meeting at the Collectorate on Tuesday. The main objective of the meeting was to completely curb the cultivation, transportation, and spread of ganja, synthetic

drugs, and other narcotic substances across the district. Officials from the Revenue, Police, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Education, Customs, Port, Railways, and Transport departments attended the meeting. It was decided to take coordinated action to eliminate the roots of drug trafficking. The Collector instructed officials to form "Eagle Teams" and "Eagle Clubs" in schools and col-

leges to raise awareness among students about the harmful effects of drugs. He said these initiatives aim to promote awareness and prevent drug addiction among the youth. Police Commissioner Dr. Shankha Brata Bagchi emphasized the need to strengthen the supervision of de-addiction centers in the city to ensure their effective functioning. He also suggested install-

ing luggage scanners at railway stations, clearing bushes in deserted areas, improving lighting, and setting up CCTV cameras in suspicious locations to enhance surveillance and safety. Officials participating in the meeting resolved to work in coordination to prevent drug abuse and to organize awareness programs among the public to make the district drug-free.

Polavaram Project Must Be Completed on a War Footing: Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy



Rajahmendravaram, Pen Power, October 15: Former Chief Minister and BJP National Executive Member Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy urged the coalition government to complete the Polavaram

Project on a war footing, describing it as crucial for Andhra Pradesh's development. Speaking at a press meet with MLC Somu Veerraju, he said the project—pending for over three decades—progressed

significantly under the NDA government and should now be completed with central assistance. Once operational, the project will irrigate 7.2 lakh acres, stabilize 2.2 lakh acres, and generate 960

MW of power at just 20 paise per unit. He emphasized resolving inter-state water disputes with Telangana amicably or through courts if needed and ensuring proper rehabilitation for displaced families. Kiran Kumar Reddy called on the government to accelerate all major development projects, including the state capital construction, with the support of the Modi government. He said "One Nation, One Election" (Jamili Elections) would save valuable time and resources and noted that the second phase of GST reforms would benefit the common man.

During the meeting, he also extended birthday greetings to Somu Veerraju. Several BJP district leaders were present.

Every Farmer Should Move Towards Natural Farming: Collector Keerthi Chekuri



Kovvur, Pen Power, October 15: District Collector Keerthi Chekuri urged all farmers to adopt natural farming methods to reduce cultivation costs. On Wednesday evening, she visited the natural farming field of farmer Neerukonda Satyanarayana

in Dommeru village, Kovvur mandal, and inspected various practices being implemented there. The Collector appreciated the cultivation of sugarcane, papaya, banana, turmeric, yam, dragon fruit, and guava on 12 acres under natural farm-

ing, calling it a model for others. She stated that natural farming is being practiced on 43,000 acres in the district, with 2,300 farmers fully adopting the system. Using drone technology, around 7,800 farmers are spraying natural extracts over 10,600 acres,

reducing pesticide use. The Collector discussed methods such as Jeevamrutham preparation, mulching, and pheromone traps with the farmers, expressing satisfaction with the visit. She remarked that reforms begin with small steps, and such initiatives are commendable. District Agriculture Officer S. Madhava Rao, Horticulture Officer N. Mallikarjuna Rao, Kovvur HOD Sudheer Kumar, APCNF DPM B. Tata Rao, Additional DPM Mahaboob Vali, Agriculture AD Chintala Srinivas, AO A. Gangadhar, staff, and farmers participated in the program.

'Priya A Banker. If She Forged...': Bollywood-Style Drama Over Sunjay Kapur Will

New Delhi: A son's name misspelt. A daughter's address entered incorrectly. And an erroneously applied pronoun. These seemingly inconsequential points have underpinned days of arguments in a Bollywood-esque courtroom scrap over the Rs 30,000 crore fortune of late businessman Sunjay Kapur. In the hearings so far, actor Karisma Kapoor's children told the Delhi High Court that Kapur's will - in which he leaves his estate to his third wife, Priya Sachdev Kapur - was forged. Samaira and Kiaan, Kapur's son and daughter with Karisma, his second wife, pointed to 'discrepancies' in the contested will that, senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani reasoned, would have been spotted and rectified had the document, in fact, been made with Kapur's approval. Priya Kapur's camp began its arguments. And senior advocate Rajiv Nayar immediately dismissed claims that a misspelt name meant the will had been forged. He reasoned a forged will would not contain 'so many mistakes', and that no one had actually disputed the signature. **'She is a banker!'** "Priya Kapur is not a housewife. She is a banker. If she forged the will, would there be such mistakes? Saying 'wrong spelling', 'wrong address',



'pronoun is 'she'... can this be grounds to challenge a will?' Nayar asked the court. "This complaint is bereft of any cause of action." There is precedent, he said, to show spelling mistakes in a will are irrelevant. "In my experience... the only grounds to challenge a will is if the deceased was not in 'sound mind', was coerced in some manner, or there is some inability to execute the will." "Will show you why he disinherited..." Nayar also responded sharply to the plea Kapur could not have disinherited his kids. "All they (the plaintiffs) keep saying is, 'Sunjay would not have done it' ... 'he was on a holiday' ... 'he could not disinherit his children'. But I will show you why he disinherited Karisma's kids." "It is because he provided

sufficiently for them under the trust. When they accepted shares from the trust, they did not shed a tear for Rani Kapur (Sunjay Kapur's mother, who has also accused Priya Kapur of trying to seize complete control of the fortune)," he said. "But now they say Rani Kapur is left without a roof over her head." **'Wife vs wife?'** The arguments also included the mothers on each side. Nayar also declared the challenge a 'wife vs wife' spat in which 'obviously, the present wife will be given preference'. But that argument was knocked back. "Ex-wife (i.e., Karisma Kapoor) is not seeking anything... It is the children. Let's just stick to this case," Justice Jyoti Singh said. A narrative, Nayar continued, is being built, which

claims 'everything was okay between Sunjay and Karisma... but, if that was the case, would there be another wife?' To this, again, the court re-directed the senior advocate to the case in question. Last week too there was a dramatic showdown in court after Priya Kapur was compared to Cinderella's stepmother. In a no-holds attack, Jethmalani accused her of being 'greedy'. Sunjay Kapur died in the UK in June while playing polo. In August - after weeks of speculation that included whispers that he was 'murdered as part of a transnational conspiracy' - British medical authorities confirmed he died of natural causes, and listed left ventricular hypertrophy and ischemic heart disease as the causes of death.

Kerala DGP Ravada Azad Chandrasekhar Felicitated in His Hometown

Bhimavaram, Pen Power, October 15: Kerala Director General of Police (DGP) Ravada Azad Chandrasekhar, a native of Veeravasaram village in West Godavari district, was grandly felicitated in his hometown. The event was held on Wednesday at the M.R.K. ZP High School grounds in Veeravasaram. District SP Adnan Nayeem Asmi attended as the chief guest and felicitated the DGP, congratulating him on his distinguished career. Speaking on the occasion, SP Asmi said that Ravada Azad Chandrasekhar is a source of pride for his village, district, and the state. Having earlier served as Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau, his



appointment as Kerala's police chief is a great honor. He added that Chandrasekhar's discipline, dedication, and efficiency serve as an inspiration to youth and police officers alike,

proving that hard work and clear goals can lead to great success. The event saw participation from MLA Pulaparthi RamAnjaneyulu, District Collector C. Nagarani, Additional SP V.

Bheemaroo (Admin), political leaders, officials, villagers, and students. The felicitated ceremony was celebrated as a moment of pride and inspiration for the entire community.

Skill Development for the Hearing Impaired through Sign Language Joint Collector & Project Officer Thirumani Sripooja

Paderu, Pen Power, October 15: Empowering persons with disabilities—especially those with hearing impairments—is crucial, said Joint Collector and Project Officer Thirumani Sripooja. Speaking at the World Sign Language Day celebrations held at the local Coffee Club, she emphasized that sign language is a powerful and expressive communication tool that can transform the hearing impaired into skilled and confident individuals. She compared sign language to classical dance, where expressions and gestures convey stories without



words, citing the example of actress Abhinaya, who, despite her hearing and speech impairment, excelled in films like Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu. Sripooja highlighted that major companies like KFC and McDonald's use

sign language-based systems for orders and services, suggesting that similar initiatives could be introduced in ITDA areas. She encouraged families to teach sign language to hearing-impaired members to help them express them-

selves freely. During the event, a sign-language wall poster was unveiled. Assistant Collector Sahit, former MLA Giddi Eeshwari, and other officials and representatives from various organizations participated.

Vishwaksen enters the Christmas 2025 race!

After Adivi Sesh's "Dacoit" backed out of the Christmas 2025 release slot, Roshan Meka's "Champion" quickly claimed the date. Now, two more films are eyeing the festive window. Bellamkonda Sai Srinivas's "Tyson Naidu" is likely to join the Christmas battle, and Vishwaksen is also aiming to release his current film "Funky" during the holiday season. The teaser of "Funky" was recently unveiled. The film is directed by Jathi Ratnalu fame Anudeep, with Kayadu Lohar as the female lead. Produced by Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya, the film has music by Bheems Ceciroleo. The film is a comedy entertainer set in the backdrop of filmmaking. Looks like Christmas 2025 is set for a multi-hero showdown!



'K-Ramp' locks concise runtime with gripping narrative

Kiran Abbavaram's "K-Ramp" has been generating strong buzz, with the actor actively leading the promotions through interviews and public appearances. The recently released trailer struck a chord with its fun and massy vibe.

Confident in the film's content, Kiran Abbavaram reportedly even considered producing it himself at one point. He also ensured that director Jains Nani delivered a sharp and engaging cut. The final runtime has now been locked at a concise 2 hours 20 minutes.

"K-Ramp" has already been uploaded to digital servers worldwide for its theatrical rollout. Directed by newcomer Jains Nani, "K-Ramp" stars Yukti Thareja as the female lead, with music by Chaitanya Bharadwaj. The film is produced by Razesh Danda and Shiva Bommak.



Netflix set to stream OG for Diwali festival?

Pawan Kalyan's "OG" clicked big in theaters, becoming the highest-grossing Telugu film of 2025 so far. It also joined the \$5 million club in North America, setting a new record for Pawan Kalyan. The film's streaming rights were acquired by Netflix some time ago, and it is now set to stream later this month. "OG," directed by Sujeeth, was released in theaters on September 25. As per the agreement, Netflix can stream the film 28 days after its theatrical release, which would ideally make it available on October 24. However, there is speculation that the platform might premiere it on October 21 to coincide with the Diwali festival.

We will have to wait for an official announcement from Netflix. The streaming giant usually does not announce premiere dates far in advance, often revealing them only a day or two before the debut. "OG" features Pawan Kalyan as a gangster and Priyanka Mohan as his wife, with music composed by Thaman.



'Trend set chey Pilloda' from Jatadhara: Trendy pub song



The first promotional song from Sudheer Babu's "Jatadhara," titled "Trend Set Chey Pilloda," has dropped. This track injects a playful twist into the otherwise mythological-action narrative of the film. Composed by Raees & Zain - Sam, the song blends modern EDM-style beats with a pulsating rhythm that's tailor-made for the dance floor. Shree Mani's lyrics cleverly fuse Telugu punchlines with English slang, giving it a youthful and instantly catchy appeal. The vocals by Spoorthi Jitender and Rajeev Raj add high-voltage edge. The song video features Sudheer Babu grooving alongside Shreya Sharma. Produced by Zee Studios and Prerna Arora, "Jatadhara" also marks Sonakshi Sinha's debut in Telugu cinema. The film is set to hit theaters on November 7th.

Rohit Sharma Meets Shubman Gill For The First Time After ODI Captaincy Change, Says This



New Delhi: The India vs Australia ODI series, starting on October 19, will mark a new beginning in Indian cricket. Shubman Gill will start his tenure as India's new ODI captain. It marks a generational transition. Though Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are both part of the squad, there has been speculation that the Australia tour may mark the beginning of the end of their glorious careers. The Indian team left for the Australia tour. The occasion marked the return of Kohli and Rohit in the Indian camp for the first time after the 2025 Champions Trophy. Before the departure, Gill greeted Rohit. "Arre Gill! Kya haal hai, file (How are you, brother!)" Rohit said. Batting bigwigs, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, arrived in Delhi and linked up with the Indian team. India is touring Australia for three ODIs

and five T20Is. The series will commence with the 50-over fixtures on Sunday, and the second and third ODIs will be played on October 23 and 25. The five T20Is will be played from October 29 to November 8. The players who were spotted at the Delhi airport included captain Shubman Gill, Rohit, Virat, Shreyas Iyer, Dhruv Jurel, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Harshit Rana, KL Rahul, Washington Sundar, Arshdeep Singh, Nitish Kumar Reddy, and Prasidh Krishna. The first ODI at the Optus Stadium in Perth will mark the return of the stalwarts in the international circuit for the first time since the Champions Trophy. India's unbeaten run in the Champions Trophy, which concluded on a fairytale note with Rohit being named Player of the Match for his rollicking 76(83) in the final, marked the last appearance of

the veteran duo for India. They were expected to return to the Test fold, but both decided to bid adieu to the format more than a month before the England tour. Considering they pulled the curtains down in T20Is after the fabled win in Barbados, which ended with India returning home with the T20 World Cup title, Rohit and Virat have transformed into one-format players. While Rohit has returned to the format, he will solely feature as a batter. During the squad announcement earlier this month, chief selector Ajit Agarkar confirmed that he had personally informed Rohit about the selectors' decision to pull the plug on his captaincy stint and hand it to Gill. The decision to pass down the captaincy mantle remains significant in the milieu of the 2027 World Cup in South Africa.

Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma Asked Not To Think About 2027 World Cup By Anil Kumble. Here's Why



New Delhi: Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma's India futures have been thrown into doubt. With Shubman Gill appointed ODI captain, a transition phase has begun, bringing into question whether the two players will remain in the scheme of things till the 2027 Cricket World Cup. Amidst the uncertainty, legendary former India spinner Anil Kumble has advised the duo to not think too far ahead. Kumble implied that while both of their presence in the World Cup would be the "ideal" scenario, it may not be the wisest thing to plan that way. "Let's just celebrate the

two players (Kohli and Rohit) on the field. They have done so much for Indian cricket over the years. Yes, in their heads, they have been thinking of 2027 (World Cup), but it's still a couple of years from now," Kumble pointed out, speaking on Star Sports. "There are matches; all you need to do is go out there and enjoy. Now that Rohit is no longer the captain, even the burden and responsibility of captaining is not on him. So, it's just about batting and enjoying every moment that they have on the field," Kumble, a former India captain, stated. "I don't think

they need to think too far ahead in terms of 2027. Both these guys have the experience; ideally, you'd want them to be part of the line-up, but it's better played by the year," Kumble advised. Kohli and Rohit are set to play for India for the first time in seven months, having both been included in the ODI squad for the three-match series Down Under against Australia. If they play, it will be their first international games since the Champions Trophy 2025. Rohit was recently removed as ODI captain, with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) handing over the reigns to Shubman Gill.

India Fail To Qualify For 2027 AFC Asian Cup After 1-2 Loss To Singapore

India failed to qualify for the 2027 AFC Asian Cup after going down 1-2 to Singapore who rallied to humble the hosts with a brace from Korea-born attacking mid-fielder Song Ui-young in the third round qualification match on Tuesday. Lallianzuala Chhangte's 14th minute strike was cancelled out by Song's equalizer in the 44th minute, and then he struck what proved to be the winner, in the 58th minute as India were left to rue many missed chances. The two teams

were locked 1-1 at the half-time break at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, having played a 1-1 stalemate in the first leg in Singapore on October 9. In the day's other Group C match, Hong Kong and Bangladesh shared the spoils after a 1-1 draw in Hong Kong, a result that did not help India's cause who entered the game with two points from three matches. India were the dominant team in the first half and enjoyed the lion's share of possession initially, and it was ap-

propriate that the home team scored the opening goal. Chhangte received the ball some distance away from the edge of the box and unleashed an excellent left-footer that beat the Singapore goalkeeper on its way to the back of the net. However, Song had other ideas as he struck twice in either side of the break to dash Indian hopes. Desperate for an equaliser, India head coach Khali Jamil made plenty of changes, bringing Rahim Ali and Udanta Singh in place of Liston Colaco and Sunil Chhetri.